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Commander  
4500 Air Base Wing, USAF  
Langley Air Force Base,  
Hampton, Virginia 23360

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Dear sir:

Permission is requested to use the area adjacent to the old target butts, and generally westerly, for model drop tests.

The site presently in use is astride the Langley Research Center taxi strip south of our hangar (Building No. 1244), which site is not always available for this work. There is no other suitable site on our property except marsh areas which would require considerable expenditure of funds for access roads and hard stands. Essentially then, this request is for an alternate site to be used when ours is not available.

Work would involve use, in the proposed area, of a mobile test rig (commonly known as a "cherry-picker") about 10 feet high when prepared for moving and about 90 feet high when extended for testing. The test rig is completely mobile and can be lowered and moved upon short notice. A qualified operator would be in charge of the rig at all times.

No permanent installation would be required. All work, if desired, could be cleared with your flight control tower. Continuous contact with your tower would be maintained by means of two-way radio through our flight operations.

Testing operations of the site, subject to the weather, the availability of our present site, and clearance by your command, may be going on any workday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. for about a year.

We shall be waiting to hear from you in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd L. Thompson  
Director

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